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inserted in the Legislative Journal referring LB 579 through LB 581. Signed by a quorum of the Executive Board.

SPEAKER: We will revert back to General File. LB 188.

CLERK: Mr. President, a committee report, LB 368, your committee on Education to whom was referred LB 368 instructs me to report the same to the Legislature the recommendation it be advanced to General File. Signed Senator Frank Lewis, Chairman. Mr. President, LB 188 introduced by Senator Marvel of the 33rd District. Read title. There are no Committee amendments, Mr. President. There is an amendment offered by Senator Marvel to add the emergency clause.

SPEAKER: The chair recognizes Senator Marvel.

SENATOR MARVEL: First of all, the motion is to add the emergency clause to 188. I so move.

SPEAKER: Motion has been made and seconded to add the emergency clause to LB 188. All in favor indicate by casting the ballot, by pushing your button. We have a malfunction in the bell. Have you all voted? We are adding the emergency clause to LB 188. The clerk will record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, Mr. President.

SENATOR MARVEL: Now, Mr. President, I move that 188 as amended be advanced to E & R Initial. This is a bill patterned after the Lancaster County bill introduced by Senator Barnett a couple of years ago. This bill has to do with counties which have first class cities in them specifically Hastings and Norfolk at the moment, but it does not exclude others. The purpose is to set up a special district so that a board can be created composed of city and county officials for the purpose of working with railroads, specifically in the Hastings area, to relocate the Union Pacific tracks which, at the moment, divides the city into two parts and there are times when it is absolutely impossible to get from one part of the city to the other. At the hearing, the railroad officials appeared in favor of the bill. There was no opposition and there were several city officials, both city and county officials, both from Hastings and Norfolk. This does not cost the state any money. It is a matter of dealing between the political subdivisions, the railroads and, basically, the federal government.

SPEAKER: The chair recognizes Senator Fowler.

SENATOR FOWLER: I was wondering if Senator Marvel would yield to a couple of questions?

SPEAKER: Do you yield, Senator Marvel?

SENATOR MARVEL: Yes sir, I will try.

SENATOR FOWLER: Ok. I have had confusion in my mind with regard to Railroads Transportation Safety District in this county as to how much money, if any, the railroads contribute to the construction of the new lines. Do you know if railroads are required to put any money into the construction of the new tracks that will be built through this mechanism?

SPEAKER: Senator Marvel.